

Jeff Essmann

From: Valeria Heyneman [cvhman@yahoo.com]
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To: jeff@jeffessmann.com
Subject: Supporting SB482

Hi Jeff, I wanted to send an e-mail as I'm unable to appear before the committee hearing SB482 due to a recent surgery. I am President of the PTA at Boulder Avenue Elementary in Billings, MT. I feel strongly that this bill goes a long way to prevent Level 2 & 3 Sex Offenders easy opportunity and access to children. A distance of 800 feet from schools and daycare centers seems quite reasonable to me. I am concerned that sex offenders live in close proximity to Boulder School. Especially during the after school hours, this situation causes me concern. Also, as a Registered Nurse, I am aware that the success rate of rehabilitation of sex offenders is quite low and re-offense high. Therefore, I feel strongly that easy and legal access for such offenders to children must be reduced. A state-wide law protecting children in the areas closest to their schools and daycare centers would be a prudent measure for children's safety.

Thank you for your work on this important matter.
Sincerely,
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Boulder Ave. PTA President

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